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MILBERG JOINS EIU

CHARLESTON, IL.--Eastern Illinois University's new Student Activities Director David Milberg said he is "very pleased" with the positive image Eastern's student organizations have among University students.

Milberg said Eastern's 75 student organizations registered with the Student Activities Office make every effort to promote student involvement.

As student activities director, Milberg oversees the activities of the registered student organizations, advises the University Board on programming cost, content and promotion and coordinates the activities of the EIU Parents' Club.

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The University Board, a 15-member student board, offers a variety of programming for all students, including concerts, lectures and the performing arts. The UB also sponsors Homecoming activities for students, Milberg said.

Milberg is also overseeing Greek affairs and Greek life until a full-time Greek adviser is hired. "Eastern's Greek system has a long history of winning awards. It is one of the best systems in the region. Overall, the system has a good reputation and a positive image on campus," he said.

He also commends Eastern's student government representatives for being receptive to students' opinions and concerns. "The student government takes a positive approach in their efforts to let students decide issues that directly effect them, such as the issue of raising student activity fees," Milberg said.

"I would like to keep working with the University Board to develop programming that will meet the needs of all students, as well as the University community. I would like to see an expansion of adult programming and a greater variety of concerts and films. There is always additional room for creativity," he added.

The student activities director said he wants to encourage community participation in Eastern's Homecoming activities. "I believe many people think of Homecoming as just a Greek event. I'd like to see more community involvement," Milberg said.

Milberg, who came to Eastern from Pace University in New York where he was student affairs director, said he likes the size of Eastern's campus and its facilities. "Eastern's faculty, staff and students have also been very receptive to my new ideas," he said.

"One of my goals is to continue keeping abreast of student concerns and to develop programming that will address these issues," he added.

In addition to becoming acquainted with the University and his new job responsibilities, Milberg said he has found time to join Eastern's faculty jazz ensemble.

He and his wife, Sara, and their 10-month-old daughter, Emma, reside in Charleston.